

The Story of Dexter D. Overholt

Dexter D. Overholt was born the eldest son of George William Overholt and Lacey (sometimes called Laney) Jane Reese on April 10, 1852. There were seven other children in the family. Originally it was thought as evidenced by the Canadian census that Dexter was born in Bavaria, a part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire at that time. It has recently been confirmed by birth and other records that he is the great grandson of Abraham Overholt born in Pennsylvania. Abraham was a United Empire Loyalist and moved to Canada just after the American Revolution. Abraham's ancestors came from Germany and prior to that Switzerland. See the Oberholtzer Book for further information.



George William Overholt and Laney (Lacey) Jane Reece

Of interest to others that may be researching this family, there were two Dexter Overholts. One was slightly older than the other and the elder one was Dexter Deverado Overholt; born to Matthew and Elizabeth Overholt. Matthew was George William Overholt's older brother. The Dexters were cousins and they lived within walking distance of each other as children. Dexter D. was always careful to sign documents as Dexter D. Overholt while Dexter Deverado Overholt almost always used his full name.

Dexter D. Overholt married Eliza Ellen Sholts (b. Dec 21, 1853), the daughter of John and Catherine Sholts in Smithville, Ontario on February 3, 1875. They took up farming on a parcel of land close to St. Catherines, Ontario. Their first two children were born in Gainsboro Township and they moved to Minnesota in the spring

(April) of 1879, passing through the port of Detroit at that time. They were no doubt lured there by the offers of homestead land, as were a great many people at that time. Dexter declared his intention to become a US citizen on June the 9th, 1879. The 1880 American census finds them living in Detroit Lakes, Becker County, Minnesota.

462		SCHEDULE B—MARRIAGES.		
Registration District of <i>Lincoln</i>		Division of <i>Gainesborough</i>		
005286 No. 4		005287 No. 5	005288 No. 6	
BRIDE.	His Name.	<i>Benjamin Howard</i>	<i>Freddie Darwin Basky</i>	<i>Dexter D Overholt</i>
	Age.	<i>22</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
	Residence when Married.	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Caistor</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>
	Place of Birth.	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Caistor</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>
	Bachelor or Widower, (B. or W.)	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>
	Rank or Profession.	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
	Names of Parents.	<i>Joseph Howard</i> <i>Rebecca Howard</i>	<i>Carmel Arthur Basky</i> <i>Elizabeth Catherine Basky</i>	<i>George William Overholt</i> <i>Lucy Jane Overholt</i>
	Her Name.	<i>Angelina Hodges</i>	<i>Mary Catherine Ditts</i>	<i>Elija Tholt</i>
	Age.	<i>18</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>18</i>
	Residence when Married.	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>
BRIDEGROOM.	Place of Birth.	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Gainesborough</i>
	Spinster or Widower (S. or W.)	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>
	Names of Parents.	<i>Henry Hodges</i> <i>Phoebe Maranda Hodges</i>	<i>Carmel Bence Ditts</i> <i>Mary Catherine Ditts</i>	<i>John Tholt</i> <i>Catharine Tholt</i>
	Names and Residences of Witnesses.	<i>Charles Allen</i> <i>Elija Ellen Allen</i> <i>Caistor</i>	<i>William Washington Ditts</i> <i>John Banta Curilla</i> <i>Ditts Tholt</i> <i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>Sidney Reynolds</i> <i>Edwin Wright and</i> <i>Chas Hartley</i> <i>Smithville</i>
	Date and Place of Marriage.	<i>21st October 1874</i> <i>Gainesborough</i>	<i>27th January 1875</i> <i>Smithville</i>	<i>3rd February 1875</i> <i>Smithville</i>
	Religious Denomination of Bridegroom.	<i>Presbyterian</i>	<i>Methodist Episcopal</i>	<i>Methodist</i>
	Religious Denomination of Bride.	<i>Methodist Episcopal</i>	<i>Methodist Episcopal</i>	<i>Methodist</i>
	By whom Married.	<i>Benjamin Livingston</i> <i>Coast Minister</i>	<i>George Hartley</i> <i>Minister</i>	<i>George Hartley</i> <i>Minister</i>
	By License or Banns, (L. or B.)	<i>License</i>	<i>License</i>	<i>License</i>
	REMARKS.			

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Marriages returned to me for the year ending 31st December, 1874.
Given under my hand, this *10th* day of *July* A.D. 1874.
Benjamin Overholt Division Registrar of *Gainesborough* *Formalistic*

On December 2, 1883, Dexter applied at the Crookston Land Office, for a homestead of 160 acres, in Polk County, Minnesota. It would seem that his sister Viola Overholt also filed for a homestead in the same area. It is unknown what happened to her. She may have married but we are unable to determine if she remained in the area.

Deputy Clerk.

United States of America,

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

County of Polk.

District Court, 11th Judicial District.

Lester D. Overholt personally appeared before the subscriber, the Clerk of the District Court of the 11th Judicial District for said State of Minnesota, being a COURT OF RECORD, and make oath that he was born in *Canada* on and about the year eighteen hundred and *fifty two*, that he emigrated to the United States, and landed at the port of *Detroit* on or about the month of *April* in the year eighteen hundred and *seventy nine*; that it is bona fide his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Queen of Great Britain & Ireland* whereof he is a subject.

Lester D. Overholt

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th

day of *June* 1879

William Travis

Deputy Clerk.

Henry Lawrence Overholt was about two years old when they made the move to the USA and Clara was less than a year old. Eliza's middle name Ellen is clearly shown on Henry Lawrence's birth record. I am unsure as to how she became Eliza Jane.

Over the years I noticed in various documents that she almost always was recorded as simply Eliza or Eliza Ellen or Ellen. Nomenclature for the Overholts seems to be quite fluid. In addition to the two Elizas, it is also interesting to note that although Henry's middle name was actually Lawrence although his death certificate shows his middle name as Clarence.

Schedule A - BIRTHS		County of <i>Lincoln</i>		Division of <i>Gainsborough</i>	
When Born	No. <i>2615898</i> <i>20th April 1878</i>	No. <i>015899</i> <i>26</i> <i>26th February 1878</i>	No. <i>015900</i> <i>27</i> <i>11th March 1878</i>		
Name	<i>Edney, Raymond</i>	<i>Barrie Ellen</i>	<i>Eva Juliet</i>		
Sex (M. or F.)	<i>M</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>F</i>		
Name and surname of Father	<i>John Anderson - Dalrymple</i>	<i>Joseph Beaman</i>	<i>Calvin Page</i>		
Name and maiden surname of Mother	<i>Minerva Headly</i>	<i>Carah Margaret</i>	<i>Emma Durkee</i>		
Rank or Profession of Father	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		
Signature, description and residence of Informant	<i>John Anderson - Dalrymple - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>	<i>Joseph Beaman - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>	<i>Calvin Page - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>		
When Registered	<i>23rd May 1878</i>	<i>20th May 1878</i>	<i>20th May 1878</i>		
Name of Accoucher	<i>Dr John Walker - Bolton</i>	<i>Dr John Walker - Bolton</i>	<i>Dr John Walker - Bolton</i>		
Signature of Registrar	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>		
REMARKS.	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>		
When Born	No. <i>015901</i> <i>17th April 1878</i>	No. <i>015902</i> <i>29</i> <i>1877</i> <i>4th December 1878</i>	No. <i>015903</i> <i>30</i> <i>26th March 1878</i>		
Name	<i>Alice Edith</i>	<i>Henry Lawrence</i>	<i>Nancy Catherine</i>		
Sex (M. or F.)	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Female</i>		
Name and surname of Father	<i>Birton Depotty</i>	<i>Dexter D. Overholt</i>	<i>Alfred Harvey Ficker</i>		
Name and maiden surname of Mother	<i>Caroline Richer</i>	<i>Eliza Ellen Shoalts</i>	<i>Minerva Ficker</i>		
Rank or Profession of Father	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		
Signature, description and residence of Informant	<i>Birton Depotty - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>	<i>Dexter D. Overholt - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>	<i>Alfred Harvey Ficker - Farmer - Gainsborough</i>		
When Registered	<i>30th May 1878</i>	<i>1st June 1878</i>	<i>6th June 1878</i>		
Name of Accoucher	<i>Dr Delamater - Gainsborough</i>	<i>Dr Joseph Jordan</i>	<i>Dr Duncan McNeish</i>		
Signature of Registrar	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>	<i>Benjamin Beaman</i>		
REMARKS.	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>		
<p>I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Births returned to me for the half-year ending <i>30th June 1878</i> Given under my hand, this <i>10th</i> day of <i>July</i> A.D. <i>1878</i> <i>Benjamin Beaman</i> Division Registrar <i>Gainsborough Township</i></p>					

Henry Lawrence Overholt Record of Birth

Form 6

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Reg. No. (Office use only)
59-09-009659

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE — DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
Name of city or place PENTICTON, B.C. Name of Municipality (if any) _____
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road HOSPITAL STREET House No. _____

2. LENGTH OF STAY
(in years, months and days) 13 YEARS In Municipality where death occurred 13 YEARS In Province LIFE TIME In Canada (if immigrant) _____

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED OVERHOLT, HENRY CLARENCE
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names in full)

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
Name of city or place PENTICTON, B.C. Name of Municipality (if any) 22-057
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road MAIN STREET House No. 1134

5. SEX MALE 6. CITIZENSHIP CANADIAN 7. RACIAL ORIGIN ENGLISH 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced MARRIED 9. BIRTHPLACE ONTARIO
(See marginal note) (See marginal note) (Write the word)

10. Date of Birth DECEMBER 4, 1877 11. AGE (Last Birthday) 81 YEARS MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc. RETIRED
(b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc. _____
(If labourer specify kind of work above) (If Housewife in own home answer "At Home")

13. Date deceased last worked _____ 14. Total years spent in this occupation _____

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased WARRICK HARRIS

16. Name of father OVERHOLT DEXTER
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace — Father UNKNOWN Mother UNKNOWN
(City or Place and Province or Country) (City or Place and Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Given under my hand at Penticton, this 16 day of August, 1959
Signature of informant Ans to Overholt Relationship to deceased widow
(Married woman not to use husband's name) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal BURIAL Date AUGUST 20, 1959
(State which) (Month by name) (Date) (Year)
Place of Burial PENTICTON, B.C. Name of Cemetery LAKEVIEW
(Municipality, etc., where Cemetery located)

21. Undertaker: ROSELAWN FUNERAL HOME Address PENTICTON, B.C.
(Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

22. DATE OF DEATH Aug 16, 1959
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from May 3, 1958 to Aug 16, 1959, and last saw him alive on Aug 16, 1959

CAUSE OF DEATH
Disease or condition directly leading to death (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g., heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.)
Antecedent causes
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last.
Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.

(a) Acute Peritonitis
due to (or as a consequence of) Acute Peritonitis
(b) Acute Peritonitis
due to (or as a consequence of) Acute Peritonitis
(c) Peritonitis related to Cancer
disease

24. If a woman, was the death (a) Associated with pregnancy? n/a (b) Duration _____ weeks. (c) Was there a delivery? _____

25. (a) Was there a recent surgical operation? no (b) Date of operation _____
(c) State findings of operation _____ (d) Was there an autopsy? _____

26. If a violent death, fill in also: (a) Accident ☐; Suicide ☐; Homicide ☐ (b) Date of injury _____
(c) How did injury occur? n/a
(d) Injuries sustained? _____
(e.g., fracture of skull, left leg, etc., dislocation of, burn to, etc.)
(e) Where did injury occur? (home, farm, industrial place, highway, etc.) _____

27. Signed by H. Emanuel Designation M.D. M.D., Coroner, etc.
Address Penticton Date Aug 18, 1959

28. Print name of M.D., Coroner, etc., whose signature appears above H. Emanuel

29. Notations _____

30. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at Penticton
Dated August 19th 1959
District Registration No. 100/59 Signature of District Registrar [Signature]

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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY) is defined in terms of the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive of a person who was born in Canada or who has rights of Citizenship in Canada, unless he or she has subsequently become the citizen of another country.
RACIAL ORIGIN is defined in terms of the people or race to which the person—traced through the father—belongs, whether English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian, etc. The terms "Canadian" or "American" should not be used for RACIAL ORIGIN, as they express CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY).

DO NOT WRITE BELOW OFFICE USE ONLY

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS)

Henry "Clarence" Overholt Record of Death

Dexter and Eliza would live in Minnesota for 10 years and while they homesteaded there, they had four more children. Lewis (Louis) Therrien Overholt was born Feb 18, 1882; Minnie Edith Overholt was born next in 1883.

Charles was born on February 4, 1887, and the fourth child born was Almeda or Alice Overholt that would put her birthdate at 1888. Alice was the last child born in the USA to Dexter and Eliza that we are currently aware of.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE
No. 3177 }

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Dexter D. Overholt of Polk County Minnesota

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Crookston Minnesota whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Dexter D. Overholt

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for and the acts supplemental thereto, for the north-east quarter of section twenty-seven in Township one hundred and forty-nine north of range forty-three west of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Minnesota, containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said Dexter D. Overholt

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Dexter D. Overholt

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Dexter D. Overholt

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Chester A. Arthur

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the one hundred and eighth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Chester A. Arthur

By O. L. Judd Asst Secretary.

S. W. Clark Recorder of the General Land Office.

Dexter and Eliza moved back to Lincoln Township in Canada in 1892. George William Overholt died on August 4, 1892 and Dexter and Eliza farmed in Lincoln Township for many years. As Dexter was the first born son of George William, the farm probably was his inheritance. His other siblings had married and all had their own families and livelihoods.

Over the next few years they would have another three children. Lowel Genis (Zenis) was born in Toronto in 1889 (perhaps on a trip to that city) and they would

not have another child (Eva Beatrice) until 1898. It is possible because of the time period between these two children that there were more children that were either stillborn or miscarried but this we cannot confirm. Their last child born was Chester. Chester came along into 1902.

So by 1902 the list of their children looked like this:

Henry Lawrence Overholt (b. 04 Dec, 1878) Gainboro, Ontario

Clara Nettie Overholt (b. 1879) Gainsboro, Ontario

Lewis (Louis) Therion Overholt (b. 18 Feb, 1882) Detroit Lakes, Becker, Minnesota

Minnie Edith Overholt (b. 1883) Detroit Lakes, Becker, Minnesota

Charles Arthur (Harry) Overholt (b. Feb 4, 1887) Detroit Lakes, Becker, Minnesota

Almeda (Alice) Overholt (June 10, 1891) Detroit Lakes, Becker, Minnesota

Lowel Genis (Zenis) Overholt (b. 1889) Toronto, Ontario

Eva Beatrice Overholt (b.1898) Lincoln Township, Ontario

Chester Overholt (b. 1902) Lincoln Township, Ontario

It would be some time before Dexter would feel the call to move again, but in 1913, they responded to the stories of homestead land in Alberta. They packed things up and away they went once more. This time they moved by train. The farm that Dexter had no doubt financed things for the move.

They did not however, come to Alberta with all their children. Three of their daughters Clara, Minnie and Alice already had married during the time they were in Lincoln County. Alice had already passed away.

Clara Nettie Overholt married John Swartz, the son of Teresa Shoaltz and Joseph Swartz. John was a farmer from Gainsborough. Her marriage license shows she was working and living in Niagara Falls at the time.

SCHEDULE B.

Count of Welland

NAMES OF PARTIES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE WHEN MARRIED.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Bachelor, Widower, Spinster, Widow.	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
GROOM. 32. Johnson, Charles D.	40	Buffalo, N. Y.	South Danversville, N. Y.	M.	Electrician	Oliver, Lois Johnson, Levi G. Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Cross, Mrs Carrydell	35	"	Erie Co., N. Y.	M.		Mastrole, Mary J. Waters David L. Mother. Father.
GROOM. 30. Ohier, Nicholas	34	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Ponderland, N. Y.	B.	Mechanic	Waters, Jane Ohier, William Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Coste, Martha Maria	39	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	P. Stamford	P.		Dorchimer, Martha Scott James Mother. Father.
GROOM. 31. Curtis, Frank Charles	27	Attica, N. Y.	Attica, N. Y.	B.	Railway Employee	Curbs, Mary Joseph Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Lrommens, Clara Ann	23	Buffalo, N. Y.	Worcester, Eng.	P.		Lrommens, William Louise Mother. Father.
GROOM. Baker, William	25	"	London, Ont.	B.	Stenographer	Baker, Caroline Schabod Mother. Father.
BRIDE. McKenzie, Ada	22	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Chippawa	P.	none	McKenzie, Sarah Chas. J. Mother. Father.
GROOM. 33. Parrish, Alvin	29	East Syracuse	Wayne Co., N. Y.	B.	Bookman	Greenell, Ella Parrish, Robert Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Walker, Augusta Franz	22	Syracuse	Berlin, Ger.	P.		Bold, L. Eva Walker, Charles Mother. Father.
GROOM. 34. Swartz, John	22	Lamborough	Lamborough	B.	Farmer	Phaalb, Theresa Swartz, Joe Edward Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Overholt, Clara Nellie	18	Niagara Falls, Ont.	"	P.		Phaalb, Elina Overholt, David Mother. Father.
GROOM. 35. Morwood, John Henry	33	Welland	Thorold	M.	Merchant	Hosow, Louis, a Morwood, Richard Mother. Father.
BRIDE. Blackwell, Carry Louisa	24	"	Crowland, Ont.	P.		McLaren, Sarah Blackwell, James Mother. Father.
GROOM.						Mother.
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BRIDE.						Father.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct
 Given under my hand this 15th day of

Minnie Edith Overholt married Charles Beverly Elliott, the son of Richard Elliott and Mary Lynch, in 1902. Charles was a papermaker from St Catherines.

SCHEDULE B.

County of Lincoln

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct
Given under my hand this fifteenth day of

Almeda or Alice married Walter Mitchell in 1907 and died at the age of twenty in 1908. They did have one child together Edith Irene Mitchell. Alice is buried in Fonthill Cemetery.

84		Schedule B.			MARRIAGES		
		County of		Division of			
		No. 1923		No. 1924		No. 1925	
Name of Groom	1	Edward Arthur	Mitchell Walter	Moyer Allan B.			
Age	2	20	26	41			
Date of Marriage	3	July 22, 1907	July 20, 1907	July 10, 1907			
Place of Marriage	4	Toronto	Toronto	Toronto			
Residence when Married	5	Newmarket	Toronto	Toronto			
Place of Birth	6	Aurora	England	Comstock			
Bachelor or Widower	7	B. 003031	B. 003032	003033 B.			
Occupation	8	Railway Man	Contractor	Druggist			
Name of Father	9	Samuel Edwards	Samuel Mitchell	Moses Moyer			
Maiden Name of Mother	10	Annie Rank	Catherine Bray	Rache Bowman			
Religious Denomination	11	Meth.	Meth.	Meth.			
Name of Bride	12	Ausman Sarah Linda	Overholt Alice	Hall Mabel Jane			
Age	13	22	19	28			
Residence when Married	14	Newmarket	Toronto	Toronto			
Place of Birth	15	Newmarket	St. Catharines	Toronto			
Spinster or Widow	16	S.	S.	S.			
Occupation	17	—	—	—			
Name of Father	18	Ausman Peter	Dexter Overholt	James Hall			
Maiden Name of Mother	19	Travis Hattie	Allen Sholto	Eliz. Ann Hunt			
Religious Denomination	20	Meth.	Meth.	Meth.			
Names and Residences of Witnesses	21	Mary E. Fallis Toronto Ethel M. Fallis Toronto	J. Burbridge Toronto Rhoda Burbridge Toronto	W. Geo. Hall Toronto Alma G. Ballan Toronto			
By Whom Married	22	R. J. Fallis	R. J. Fallis	E. W. Baker			
License or Banns	23	L.	L.	L.			
Date of Registration	24	July 24, 1907	July 24, 1907	July 24, 1907			
REMARKS	25	✓	✓	✓			

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct entries of all Marriages returned to me for the half-year ending
 Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____ A.D. 1907
 Division Registrar of _____

The group that did come to Alberta included, of course, Dexter and Eliza Ellen and 11 year old Chester. Also with the family was Lewis and Mary (Parsons) Overholt and their three children Beulah Clara Maude (she went by Maude), their sons Charles Therion and Walter. As well, Zenis Overholt and his wife (also called Mary) came along. Harry and Mabel and their son Art also came with the family.

They moved all their household goods and two horses and livestock in boxcars on the train. The men rode in the boxcars to look after the livestock they brought with them.

While the women waited in Edmonton, the men went to Athabasca and then north of the river to Sawdy to locate the land they came to homestead. Eva Overholt, worked in Edmonton and came up to visit her parents for a week or two. She met and married George Rogers in February of 1914.



Dexter was sixty four years old and Eliza Ellen was fifty nine when they moved to Sawdy. Dexter was an able blacksmith and he taught his sons these skills. He cleared some land and planted a large garden. He sold vegetables to logging camps and did do some freight hauling as well. He also did some mixed farming. He used oxen for most of his heavy work.

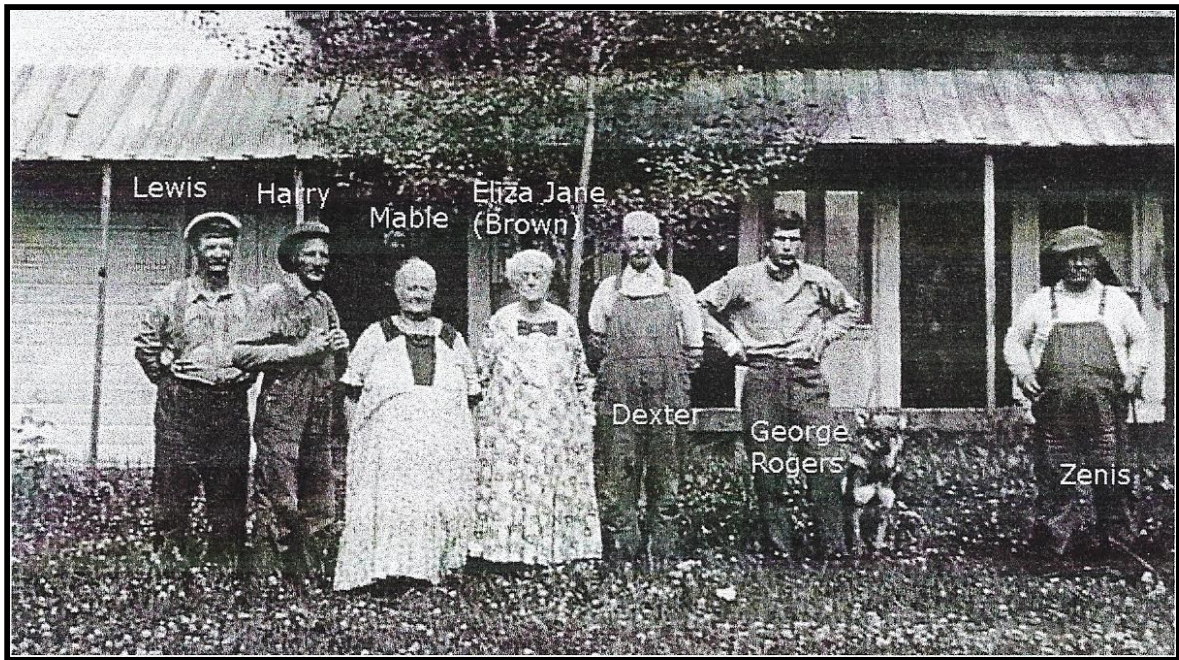
Dexter is shown in the picture above holding the oxen by the reins. Eliza Ellen is seated on the left front seat of the wagon and I believe Mabel Overholt is beside her. The young boy holding the sack is most likely Chester Overholt but it could be Art Overholt as well. I suspect that the two women sitting in the back of the wagon are Mary Overholt (Zenis' wife) and the one with the darker hair would be Mary (Parsons) Overholt.



*The picture shown above was taken in St Catherine's prior to 1908.
Alice passed away in 1908.*

Dexter and Eliza Ellen built a large log home with the help of their children in about 1919. During the Spanish Flu epidemic, Eliza Ellen Sholtz passed away on March 16, 1920. Chester and Mabel also became very sick. After the death of his first wife, Dexter went back to Ontario in 1921.

There he remained for four years and finally returned to Sawdy in 1924. He married his second wife in Athabasca, Eliza Jane Ireland Brown, in 1925.



The picture above was taken in Sawdy at the Overholt Homestead after 1925.

Eliza Jane Brown was a widow; her maiden name was Ireland. Her parents were Isaac Jesse Ireland and Catherine Elizabeth Ireland of Fort Perry, Ontario. Dexter and Eliza married on December 21, 1925.



Eliza Jane Brown and Dexter D. Overholt

Eliza Jane and Dexter farmed for six years. Dexter had slowed down somewhat but he could still sharpen plow shares and when the old age pension came into effect they both received \$10 a month. Harry Overholt took over the farm in 1930.



After almost twenty years of marriage Eliza Jane became ill and passed away at the age of 84, in November of 1944. She is buried in the Athabasca Cemetery along with Eliza Ellen Sholtz. Dexter was once again a widower. Dexter lived another five months and passed away on April 15, 1945, five days past his birthday, at the age of ninety-three.

Mrs. Dexter Overholt

Funeral services were held in the Athabasca United Church, Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Dexter Overholt, of Sawdy, aged 84, who passed away at her home on Sunday.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, aged 91 one son several grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Overholt came to the district from Toronto in 1912, and have made their home here since.

Pallbearers were Harry, Walter and Chester Overholt and Mike Rogers, grandsons, and Bill and Chris Schmillie close friends. Dolf Brown, Bowden, her son, and Mrs. Art Overholt, her granddaughter High River, attended the funeral. Two nieces from Capreol, Ontario, had been paying a visit to the old couple, and had returned East a few days prior to the lady's demise.

Rev. J. H. Stark officiated.

The obituary shown to the is incorrect. The "Mrs. Overholt" referred to here did not come with Dexter to Sawdy. This obituary is for Eliza Jane Brown (Ireland) who was Dexter's second wife. Dexter is buried next to both his spouses in the Athabasca Cemetery.



Passes to the Great Beyond at the Ripe Age of Ninety-three

On Sunday last Mr. Dexter D. Overholt passed away on his farm in the Sawdy district, at the age of 93 years. He was born in Ontario on April 10th, 1852, and came west in 1912 and settled in the Sawdy district, where he lived until the time of his death.

His wife pre-deceased him in November of last year. Left to mourn his loss are four sons: Harry and Chester, of Sawdy; Louis and Zenis of, Sawdy; (Clara) Mrs Swartz of St. Catherines; (Edith) Mrs Elliott and (Allie) Mrs. Mitchell of Toronto. There are 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, and one stepson, Sam A. Brown, of Bowden, Alta.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday afternoon in the United Church, Athabasca, Rev J. H Stark officiating. Pallbearers were Robt. Weldon, S McKelvy, Wm. Smeltze, C. Smeltze, T. Donohue, and F. R. Falconer. Interment was made in the Athabasca Cemetery.

Athabasca Funeral Service were in charge of arrangements.